



Newsletter

January General Meeting — January 7, 2024 at 7 PM at the Mount Vernon Christian School

BRING & BRAG

Take a look at the Bring & Brag projects from the Nov. meeting.

RAFFLE PRIZE

Check out this months Special Raffle Prize!

TOYS FOR TOTS

A new group of toy makers in the Arlington area!

Click the underlined title in the boxes above to be taken directly to that section of the newsletter.

President's Message...

So, into the New Year we march, hope everyone had a good holiday season. As we drive the club this year we are focusing on three main areas, beyond our normal adventures.

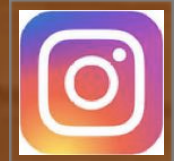
Know the Membership

- Improve understanding of our membership, their interests and needs
- Enhance the membership roster with skill, expertise and interests

Connect our Membership

- Improve the abilities of the membership and their ability to connect with like interests
- Move more connectivity tools on line, and create sub groups/chats to discuss dedicated topics

Connect with your fellow members:



[Instagram](#)



[Facebook](#)



[YouTube](#)



[Website](#)

Increased Volunteer Engagement

- Cultivate increased activity and engagement through all levels of the club
- Build the leaders of the club through partnership and better bench strength

I would ask of all of you to find a way to help the club in any way you can. Whatever time/knowledge you can spare will be so helpful, we need it all. We need help on the: web front, Audio Visual and many other areas. Even if it's just one hour per month - "many hands make light work"

And thank you for your continued support.

– Barry Tonkin

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Tom Dolese of Terra Firma Design

Tom Dolese is a long time, respected furniture maker and designer, as well as an NCWA club member and advocate for the club, encouraging many woodworkers to join. Along with his wife Jennifer, he runs Terra Firma Designs, and has taught furniture building classes for years.

As a teacher, he is frequently surprised by the lack of student's knowledge concerning initial wood preparation and processing. How a piece of rough sawn lumber is readied for the building process.

Tom will discuss his techniques of sizing, flattening, truing up rough milled lumber. His methods are tried and true, and are sure to be helpful to our less experienced, and newer woodworking members. Our more experienced members will hopefully find Tom's techniques and reasoning on the subject a chance for good review.

This will be an excellent opportunity to interact with, and ask an expert a broad range of questions on woodworking principles.



This Month's Raffle Drawing!

All members will receive a **FREE** raffle ticket at the **January 7th Meeting** at **The Mount Vernon Christian School**

Don't miss our first meeting of 2025, gang! Once again, we're raffling two items, both donated by NCWA members. Remember, each member or guest gets one free ticket. Please don't try to bribe the raffle official to get more (unless, of course, your bribe is a significant amount of \$)!!!

First, this very useful foot switch that can free up both hands while operating a scroll saw, router table or even a drill press. Valued at about \$34.



Also, this highly accurate finger joint jig from Rockler valued at \$100. This jig can be configured for three different joints: 1/4", 3/8" and 1/2" and will work on most router tables. If you haven't been satisfied with your finger joints or have never tried making any, this is for you! Straight or spiral bits required but not included.



Education Committee Announcement

Submitted by Andrew Pellar –

As the new year approaches, Andrew is looking forward to more classes. We are off to a slow start but there are many offerings in the works.

January - Expect Using Hand Planes and Table Saw Usage to be scheduled soon

February - Sharpening - 02/22/25

March - Boxes - 03/08.09.15

May - Sharpening Hand Saws

As usual, sign up sheets will be offered at the meetings. If the class does not fill, a club wide e-mail will follow.

Andrew would appreciate some more help on the committee to reach out to previous teachers and to develop new classes. If interested, please contact him at: andf32plr@yahoo.com.

Library News

NEW BOOKS!

Submitted by Bill Pierce –

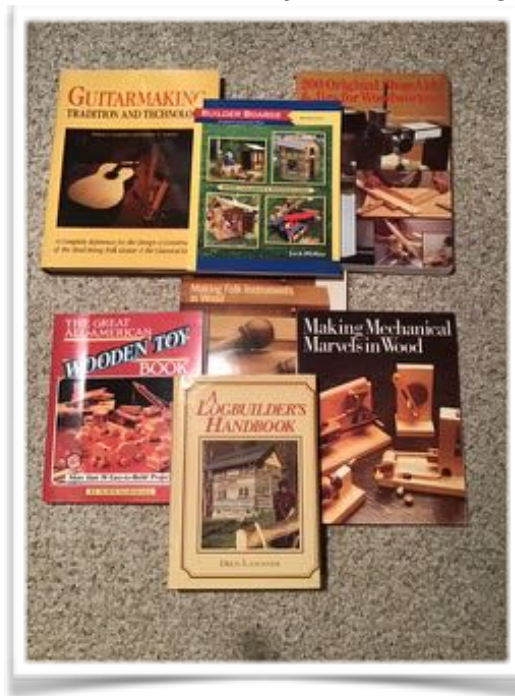
The library will be featuring several new (to us) books just added to circulation. From making musical instruments to log cabins, most of these came as a donation to the club from a woodworker who had remarkably varied interests during his life.



- 60-1151 The Great All-American Wooden Toy Book by Norm Marshall, 1986
- 76-1152 A Logbuilder's Handbook by Drew Langsner, 1982
- 59-1153 200 Original Shop Aids & Jigs for Woodworkers by Rosario Capotosto, 1983
- 68-1154 Making Folk Instruments in Wood, by Dennis Waring, 1979
- 60-1155 Making Mechanical Marvels in Wood by Raymond Levy, 1991
- 68-1156 Guitarmaking Tradition and Technology by Cumpiano and Natelson, 1987

Also of note: Our own resident woodworking author, Jack McKee has donated the new 3rd edition of his book Builder Boards. Thanks Jack! and congratulations on a 3rd edition!

Look for these on the spotlight table at our January 2025 meeting. Happy New Year!



Woodworking News

Plan Ahead - La Conner Guitar Festival May 16-18, 2025

A must see festival for all guitar music lovers and luthiers. See [La Conner Guitar Festival - Home](#) for details and pictures from previous year's festival. Schedules for music events and further details to be available later in 2025.



A Note from our Treasurer

TIME IS RUNNING OUT! RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES - 2025
\$35.00 - Annual Dues (no increase for 2025!)**

Many of our members have paid their dues and renewed their membership for 2025 – some haven't - but you still have time. Members that have not paid their dues by February 4th will be dropped from the club roster.

[Special Note: If you are unsure if you have paid your dues, please contact our treasurer, Al Ashley, and he will confirm your payment status]

Members have the option to renew their membership and pay their dues on-line using PayPal, or by mailing a check to the NCWA Treasurer.

To pay dues on-line with PayPal:

Go to the NCWA web page (<https://www.ncwawood.org/>) and click on the "Debit or Credit Card" PayPal button, enter your debit or credit card information (\$35.00 will automatically be charged to your card).

To pay dues with a personal check:

Mail a \$35.00 check (payable to: NCWA) to the Club's treasurer:

NCWA

c/o Al Ashley

26220 48th Ave NE

Arlington, WA 98223

Membership cards will be distributed to each renewing member beginning in January.

NCWA Membership offers multiple benefits, including:

Monthly membership meetings – most will be in-person, but a few may be held via Zoom,

Purchase discounts from our vendor support group,

NCWA Chat – an online forum available only for our members,

NCWA member only woodworking classes,

Monthly newsletter,

Library books and DVDs and, as always -

The opportunity to associate with the best group of woodworkers in the Northwest.—

Submitted by Al Ashley

Bring and Brag

Just a reminder, if you have a project you'd like to showcase for Bring and Brag at an upcoming meeting, but your project is too large to bring in person, please send photos to Greg Koenker at gkoenker@gmail.com a few days prior to the meeting. This allows Greg ample time to get the photos uploaded, and ready for display.

Also, as a result of the positive feedback from our recent "Cool Tools and Jigs" presentation, if you happen to build a shop-made jig that you would like to share with the membership, feel free to include it in Bring and Brag.



Al Ashley – Craftsman side table in walnut built in an NCWA class

Andrew Pellar – pieces featuring dovetail joints



Don Cooper – hand plane made of maple

Earl Kessler - box made from reclaimed mahogany



Ed Burton - box of walnut and maple with grain matching at the corners, built in an NCWA class



Jim Redding - block print of owl



Joan Mann - Intarsia of Harry Potter owl carrying mail

Keith Reynolds - Christmas ornaments made from various woods



Kris Abshire - box made from cherry, sapele, and walnut built in an NCWA class

Mark Kraus - Craftsman side table in walnut, built in the NCWA class he taught



Peter Gantt - wooden Christmas lights (ultra energy efficient!)



Toys For Tots

Submitted by Bob Laufenberg

NCWA has another group of club members who created a working group to make toys for charities. We are based out of George Lanphear's shop in Arlington.



Our regular group members are:

George Lanphear, Bob Laufenberg, Loran Wright, Lucinda VanValkenburg, Al Ashley, Dave Hurson, and Bob Rainier .

We have met several times with John Braun who helped with plans, parts and enthusiasm. In late summer we began meeting every other week to further our crafts. Our goal upon forming was to create 150 toys for a Snohomish charity. We chose Snohomish County because it would be in our groups community. We met with the Stanwood Camano Island Food Bank. They have begun a Christmas store for deserving families from Camano and Stanwood to “shop” for Christmas presents for their children and dependents. The toys cost them nothing but are distributed based on income.

On Friday November 15th, we delivered the following toys:

- 69 car haulers
- 17 square stackers
- 24 wooden boxes
- 11 paddle boats
- 23 marble tic tac toe
- 3 hand mirrors
- 10 bags of small cars
- 6 sports cars
- 6 cylinder balance beams
- 5 ball catchers
- 17 magic wands
- 2 trucks

Over the 150 toy goal!





A GREAT JOB by all!!!



Preferred Vendors offering DISCOUNTS to NCWA Members:

NORTH –

Hardware Sales

Bellingham Millwork

Hardwoods to Get

Windsor Plywood

Village Books

WEST –

Sebo's Hardware

SOUTH –

Martin Lumber/True Value

Stormo Hardwoods

CENTRAL –

Ekrem Hardware

Stockton's Paints

Mt. Vernon Building Center

Sherwin-Williams Paint

EAST –

E & E Lumber

SPECIALTY –

Edensaw Woods

FASTCAP

Klingspor Woodworking Shop

NCWA is open to all interested woodworkers, and was formed to promote high standards in woodworking, woodworking education and showcasing local woodworking. Meetings are generally held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Dues are \$35 per year, payable to NCWA, 26220 48th Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223. Submit newsletter articles by email to kingdahl1@gmail.com.

NCWA 2024 Board of Directors:

President – Barry Tonkin

Vice President – Earl Kessler

Treasurer – Al Ashley

Secretary – Christi Brua Weaver

Members at Large – Peter Gantt, Chuck Barnett, Don Mason, George Knutson, Nick Pederson

Committee Chairs:

Programs Committee – Craig Edwards

Library – Bill Pierce

Education – Andrew Pellar

Membership – Jerry Couchman

Shows – King Dahl/Jerry Couchman

Shop Tours – TBA

Toys for Tots – John Braun

Webmaster – Michael Titus

Newsletter – King Dahl

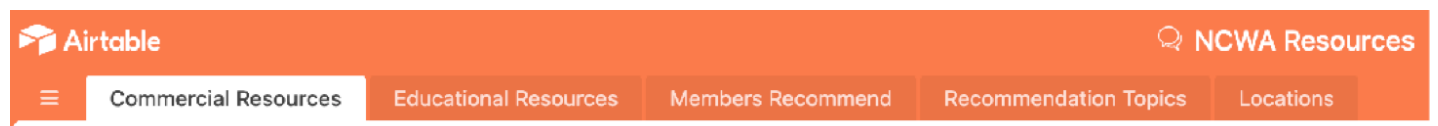
Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the NCWA General Meeting and the NCWA Board of Directors Meeting can be found on the club website www.ncwawood.org

NCWA Resources

Click this link – [NCWA Resources](#) – for our user-friendly database serving the purpose of storing information about recommendations from NCWA members.

There are 5 tables (1 tab for each) across the top, you can click each one to see its contents. This page is evolving and being updated in real time, so there will be new additions frequently.



- **Commercial Resources:** list of companies (incl website and phone #) and what people recommend them for
- **Educational Resources:** online resources for different topics, grouped by topic (this doesn't have to be limited to videos, we can have books and other stuff too)
- **Members Recommend:** This table is automatically generated by the first two, and keeps track of who's recommending what
- **Recommendation Topics:** This is another automatic table, and lists commercial resources (the first table) grouped by topic
- **Locations:** a final automatic table that lists which commercial resources (again, the first table) are located in which cities, so that it's easier to see what's near you

Let Tony know, or post on NCWA-Chat, what you think. This has the potential of being a super convenient, user-friendly database for all members.